

Public Comment Portion, Action Item
El Paso City Council, April 12, 2005
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Discussion and Action:

The Coalition asks the Mayor and Council members for (1) reaffirmation of their Proclamation denouncing violence against women, and (2) permanent removal of Mr. Cushing from all committees and decisions on law enforcement and women.

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Proclamation

City of El Paso, Texas

WHEREAS, V-Day, celebrated around the world, is dedicated to focusing international attention on the murders of girls and women in Ciudad Juarez; and

WHEREAS, Over 300 girls and women have been murdered in Juarez over the last 10 years, one third of them raped and mutilated before death, and several of them El Pasoans; and

WHEREAS, Interpersonal and street violence is problematic in Juarez for both men and women, with the most recent example being backyard burials in early 2004; and

WHEREAS, Disappearances of people are also problematic in Juarez, affecting El Pasoans, their relatives and friends; and

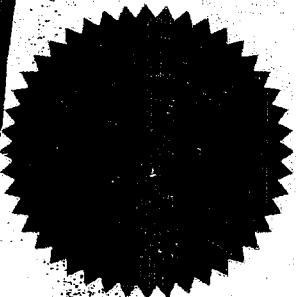
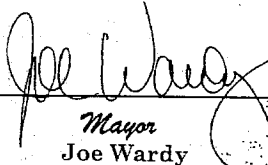
WHEREAS, Worldwide, women face special safety threats in their homes and on the streets, whether from domestic violence, rape, and/or serial killers, with an average of 2,400 domestic violence calls per month reported to the police in El Paso.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council February 14, 2004 shall be known as:

"VDAY, ANTI-VIOLENCE DAY"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the El Paso City Council supports Bi-national cooperation to call attention to the problems and encourages work towards Bi-national solutions including recognition of human rights.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the official seal of the City of El Paso
to be affixed this 14th day of February
A.D.. 20 04.*



Mayor
Joe Wardy